

# House Study Bill 665

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
JUDICIARY BILL BY  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a criminal offense for leaving an unattended or  
2 not properly supervised child in a motor vehicle, and  
3 providing a penalty.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 6465HC 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.276 UNATTENDED OR NOT  
1 2 PROPERLY SUPERVISED CHILD IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.  
1 3 A person shall not leave a child eight years of age or  
1 4 younger in a motor vehicle unattended or under the supervision  
1 5 of a person who is fourteen years of age or younger. A person  
1 6 does not violate this section if the person can maintain  
1 7 visual contact with the child. A person who violates this  
1 8 section commits a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled  
1 9 violation under section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph "j".  
1 10 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, Code 2007, is  
1 11 amended by adding the following new paragraph:  
1 12 NEW PARAGRAPH. j. UNATTENDED OR UNSUPERVISED CHILD IN A  
1 13 MOTOR VEHICLE. For a violation under section 321.276, the  
1 14 scheduled fine is one hundred dollars.  
1 15 EXPLANATION  
1 16 This bill creates a criminal offense for leaving an  
1 17 unattended or not properly supervised child in a motor  
1 18 vehicle.  
1 19 The bill provides that a person shall not leave a child  
1 20 eight years of age or younger in a motor vehicle unattended or  
1 21 under the supervision of a person who is 14 years of age or  
1 22 younger. A person who is able to maintain visual contact with  
1 23 the child in the motor vehicle does not violate the bill.  
1 24 The bill provides that a person who violates the bill  
1 25 commits a simple misdemeanor subject to a scheduled fine of  
1 26 \$100.  
1 27 LSB 6465HC 82  
1 28 jm/rj/5